

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 685

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Darrell Lee Waltrip
upon his recent induction into the NASCAR Hall
of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those
successful and talented athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, have established
themselves as superior competitors in their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, one such stellar athlete is Darrell Lee Waltrip, who has achieved an
extraordinary level of success in his estimable career in NASCAR, culminating with his 2012
induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waltrip was born on February 5, 1947, in Owensboro, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a talented driver of the highest order, Darrell Waltrip has enjoyed a racing
career that has spanned more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Darrell's first race as a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver was the 1972
Winston 500 in Talladega, Alabama, and his first victory in the series followed a few years later
when he won the 1975 Music City USA 420 in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, his last win in the series was the 1992 Mountain Dew Southern 500 in
Darlington, South Carolina, and the last Sprint Cup race he competed in was the 2000 NAPA
500 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waltrip's Sprint Cup Series career spanned twenty-nine years, during
which time he participated in 809 races and won the Winston Cup three times, in 1981, 1982,
and 1985; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his Sprint Cup Series career, Darrell achieved eighty-four
wins, 390 top ten finishes, and fifty-nine poles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waltrip also had an extremely successful NASCAR Nationwide Series career; and

WHEREAS, his first race in the series was the 1982 Mello Yello 300 in Charlotte, North Carolina, and he also achieved his first victory that same year in Charlotte when he won the 1982 Miller Time 300; and

WHEREAS, Darrell's last win was the 1989 Goody's 300 at the Daytona International Speedway, and his last race in the series was the 2006 Goody's 250 at Martinsville Speedway; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his fourteen-year career in the Nationwide Series, Mr. Waltrip ran ninety-five races and achieved thirteen wins, fifty-three top ten finishes, and four poles; and

WHEREAS, for six years, Darrell competed in the NASCAR Camping Truck Series as well, competing in his first series race at the 1995 Heartland Tailgate 175 in Topeka, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the series, he competed in seventeen races and achieved eight top ten finishes; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Waltrip was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers in 1998; he is a Sprint All-Star Race I Champion, a 2003 Motorsports Hall of Fame of America Inductee, and a 2005 International Motorsports Hall of Fame Inductee; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Waltrip has achieved a premier level of success in his career while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the race track; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Waltrip for his phenomenal lifetime of achievements in the sport of auto racing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Darrell Lee Waltrip upon his induction

into the NASCAR Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.